

The 'Double Initial' murders took the lives of four little girls via rape and strangulation, between 1971 and 1976, in Rochester, NY, which was once known as the 'Mysterious City' [1] and is today the corporate headquarters of Kodak and Xerox. The children's deaths fit a pattern which one psychiatrist called 'laying a trail of esoteric clues to match wits with the police.' [2] One of these 'clues' was the occurrence of double initials in each of the children's names. Another might be the fact that the killings took place in the months of November and April only.

The first victim's name is a common one among Spanish people (she was Puerto Rican) and is also a kind of *cant* language treasure-trove. Her name was Carmen Colon. Carmen can mean enchanted, other things. In *FT30* we looked at the importance in sorcery of the word 'wicker' and of its appearance in the 'Son of Sam' case as one of the names used by the murderer(s). In *FT32* we noted, *en passant*, that many of the murders committed by the Hillside Strangler - who is a native of Rochester - took place on sites 'sacred' to the *Ordo Templi Orientis* (OTO), the successor-group to the medieval Knights Templar.

Let's run this OTO angle along with the details of the 'Double Initial' murders through our symbol computer and see what we can come up with.

In Latin, colon has the aforementioned meaning as the small intestine and, alternatively, as the 'dove of love'. The dove is the central symbol of the OTO. [3] Of course, like so many other potent images, the dove is also important to a whole spectrum of groups including 'Churchianity'. But it is the OTO's obsession with sex, sacrifice and ritual which causes us to pursue the dove glyph down blood-sprinkled corridors.

In the famous 'North African working', OTO chief Aleister Crowley was sodomized as part of a rite meant to invoke Choronzon, an entity Elizabethan sorceror Dr. John Dee described as 'that mighty devil'. Another part of the ritual entailed the sacrifice of three doves and it was from the blood of these *feathered colons* that Choronzon supposedly materialized. [4]

According to the *Cabalah*, 'everything lies veiled in numbers'. Choronzon's is given as 333, a multiple of magic 33.

Carmen Colon was abducted on Route 33. Her body was discovered near Churchville (the first letter of that town corresponds to her initials). The second victim, Wanda Walkowicz, was found in the village of Webster. Little Wanda had flaming red hair. In a popular comic book for children, the lead character's name is Wanda the Witch. [5]

The third victim, Michelle Maenza, lived on Webster Crescent St. and attended Rochester School 33. Maenza's corpse was located in the town

of Macedon, in Wayne County. [6]

The fourth and last child killed was Michelle McMurray. She varies from the pattern in a couple of ways. First, the site where her body was discovered did not correlate with her initials - Child St. - though certainly it fits the 'motley drama' as a whole. Second, her place as fourth victim disrupts a numerological set which had been advanced with precision in all the other deaths. 'C' is the third letter of the alphabet, 'M' is the 13th and 'W' the 23rd. To continue the progression by going through the alphabet again, 'G' is the 33rd letter. There was no 'G' victim. [7]

The police in Rochester attempted to discredit the ceremonial aspects of 'Double Initial'. One headline in a local newspaper typified the mindset. It read, 'Police Discount Slaying Coincidences'. [8] When Michelle McMurray's body was recovered there was a public outcry demanding the release of the blood type found in the rapists semen, to ascertain whether or not it corresponded to the semen found on the first three children. The Rochester cops refused. [9] In a particularly revealing piece of stupidity, the head of the 'Double Initial' investigation, Michael Iaculli, stated, 'We decided a long time ago the initials had nothing to do with it.' For the past six years Rochester Police have insisted that the killer responsible for the first three deaths committed suicide in 1974, although they refused to name this mystery man.

When Rochester native Kenneth Bianchi was arrested as the monster responsible for the Hillside Strangler murders in California and Washington (state), this writer considered him immediately as a suspect in 'Double Initial'... which was not exactly a Holmesian caliber deduction to be sure, but one, unbelievably enough, the Rochester authorities refused to consider. Their Chief of Detectives, Anthony

Fantigrossi, maintained, for the entire first year of Bianchi's capture and subsequent incarceration, that Bianchi had iron-clad alibis for his whereabouts during the 'Double Initial' murders. [10] The Police Chief in the state of Washington where Bianchi was apprehended never interrogated Bianchi about 'Double Initial' because Rochester Police told the Washington cops firmly that Bianchi was not a suspect. [10]

In this writer's first article for *FT30* I mentioned the possibility that the Hillside Strangler and the killings in Rochester had possible links to US officialdom. I am still troubled by the fact that 'Son of Sam' hit-man David Berkowitz referred to one of his fellow pseudo-satanist cultists (John Wheat Carr) as a 'child molester'. [11] One of the 'Son of Sam' cryptic notes was signed, 'John Wheaties, Rapist and Suffocator of Young Girls', even though none of the 'Sam' victims were raped or suffocated. Intuition made me wonder if maybe there wasn't some kind of occult network responsible for ritual killings which was somehow mixed-up with the government... not really a heck of a lot of hard evidence, however.

Then, in late 1979, a gutsy, former policewoman named Rosemary Leary traced Kenneth Bianchi's High School

graduation photograph and compared it with a police composite drawing of the 'Double Initial' murderer. She and many others have noticed the striking resemblance. At nearly the same time, Forensic Serologist Donald D. Gordon blew away the Rochester cops' suicide mystery man explanation. Gordon demonstrated that the suicided individual was a 'secreter' (a person whose blood type shows up in their semen). The sexual fluid found on the Rochester children was that of a non-secreter (blood type does not show in semen). Kenneth Bianchi is a non-secreter.

There is evidence that Rochester Police had their own report about the secreter revelations in January 1979 but as late as October 1979 were still insisting Bianchi didn't do it and that the suicide mystery man was the culprit. [10] Early in 1980 Chief Fantigossi was confronted with this discrepancy and reportedly 'became angry' at the question. It has also been learned that when Bianchi lived in Rochester, he kept '20 to 30' pornographic pictures of little girls 'cut out like paper dolls' under his bed mattress. [12]

At the time of his arrest, Bianchi was employed as a Captain in the Whatcom Security Agency, a private rent-a-cop company. According to researcher Mae Brussell, 'Son of Sam' trigger-man Berkowitz

obtained the infamous 'Bulldog .44' handgun which reigned terror on New York City, from a private security guard in Houston, Texas. In his book *The Private Sector*, investigative reporter George O'Toole points out that the private security industry has the strongest possible ties to official police agencies.

Mark Chapman, accused assassin of John Lennon, was a security guard. It should be recalled that Berkowitz was a New York City auxiliary policeman who has sued the US Army for disabilities he incurred while in military service (his homicidal capacity).

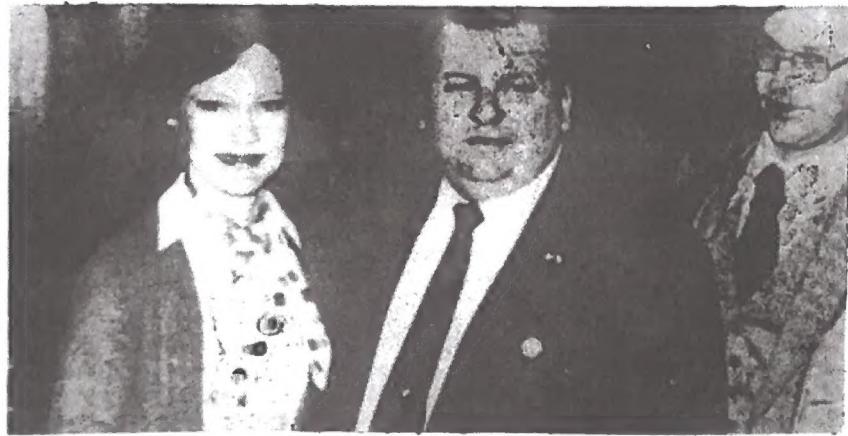
John Wheat Carr was a member of the US Air Force. His sister worked for the Yonkers Police Department.

His father owned the dog Berkowitz said 'controlled' him. John Wayne Gacy murdered 33 boys in the Chicago area. He was a powerful politician (like former San Francisco Housing Authority Commissioner Jim Jones). He was photographed with the wife of US President Jimmy Carter, and was wearing a US Secret Service badge at the time. Gacy dressed alternately in clown suits and cop uniforms and drove an automobile he had specially outfitted to resemble a police cruiser. [13]

On the day she died, two US Secret Service agents were spotted at the home of Wanda Walkowicz. [14] The fiery Wanda was considered a 'tough' little child who was very leery of strangers. Would she have gotten into a car if a policeman had asked her to? We know Bianchi posed as a policeman in Los Angeles to gain his victim's confidence.

Psychic detective James Shelby Downard believes that we are in the 'Must Be' stage in what he calls 'The Long Journey of the Alchemist'. In this human alchemy, 'all that is hidden must be made manifest'.

On one level we can say that this police-criminal interface is merely coincidence or the quite natural masquerade a criminal would adopt in order



John Wayne Gacy pictured in May 1978 with Rosalynn Carter at a Democrat meeting. The larger of Gacy's two lapel badges is the insignia of the Secret Service.

to more easily obtain his terrible goals. Maybe so. But I'm interested in the ceremonial trappings attending these 'immolations' — trappings the criminals had to go to great lengths to devise, and expose themselves to great risks in order to execute.

I'm interested in the effects of the blurring of distinction between cops 'n' cons when mixed with ancient words of power, archetypes, numerology and geomancy and given wide publicity, on the Dreaming Mind of our Group Mind. I am reminded of Joyce Maynard's comment that 'No villain is more frightening than the one you supposed to be your friend.' Probably the only villain to prove the exception to Maynard's rule is the one who intentionally drops clues as to his real identity in order to achieve a most subtle *haute* mind control.

In the original script for the film *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* the hypnotist who controlled the murderer was also the head psychiatrist at the insane asylum. Like Oswald, Ruby, Sirhan, James Earl Ray and Arthur Bremer before him, Kenneth Bianchi was a student of hypnotism. In his apartment, police discovered a hypnotism textbook and a pamphlet from the Bellingham Hypnosis Center. [15] Bianchi even posed as a hypnotist in a newspaper advertisement in the *LA Times* in which he offered 'five answers' for \$25. [15]

Returning through a circle 'to the self-same spot' — we began this little piece with a Black Magical Order headquartered in California. On Halloween, 1977 a victim of the Hillside Strangler was carefully 'placed' (just as the 'Double Initials' had been) near Devil's Gate Reservoir. [16] It was here that the OTO performed its rituals. [17] The same OTO worshipped a Lovecraftian Choronzon-like Ulogior believed to reside in the Griffith Park / Arroyo Seco / Rosebowl node. Other victims of the Hillside Strangler were

left in the Griffith Park and Suicide Bridge areas — places heavily imbued with sex and death 'vibes' (Griffith Park is one of the main 'gay' make-out assignation-spots).

And there's yet another 'coincidence': the OTO also established a chapter in 1915 on Mount Palomar. Palomar means dove-cote in Spanish and flocks of doves used to congregate on the mountain back then.

Was there some kind of geomantic and ritual significance in the placing of some of the bodies of the victims of the Hillside strangler in places revered by black arts groups? Is it possible that ceremonial murders and the tremendous magical powers they are supposed to conjure are still going on in our modern world of rocket trips, plastic bags and instant coffee?

Well, maybe not, maybe the whole thing is just a bad movie from which we will one day awake. It certainly resembles one. Horror-movie star Peter Lorre's daughter was almost a victim of Bianchi, who flashed a police badge at her and ordered her into his car. She had an appointment with some other destiny, though. [18]

Answers? Perhaps they can be found in the questions buried in movies such as *Chinatown*. I, for one, have my answers in the lines of that patron, secular-saint of sleuths everywhere:

And the angels, all pallid  
and wan,  
Uprising, unveiling, affirm  
That the play is the tragedy  
'Man'.  
And its hero the conquering  
Worm.

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*Michael Anthony Hoffman*

#### NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1) Blake McKelvey, *Rochester: The Water Power City*.
- 2) Rochester, *Democrat & Chronicle* 3 March 1974.
- 3) Kenneth Grant, *Aleister Crowley and the Hidden God*.
- 4) Isreal Regardie, *The Eye of the Triangle*.
- 5) For a cryptic reference to 'Son of Sam' in comics, see *Creepy* no.

94, 'Etran to Fulzing'.

6) The Macedonian connection may or may not be meaningful, but Wayne appears to have twilight language significance: John Wayne Gacy; Wayne County, home of the Fox sisters, founders of modern spiritualism; Wayne Williams, the only suspect in the Atlanta killings thus far, who had one arrest on his record, for impersonating a police officer; recently Wayne figured into a hypnotism angle with regard to the attempted assassination of black activist Veron Jordan; and going from death to sex, a New York City transvestite singer calls himself 'Wayne County'.

7) *Democrat & Chronicle* 22 Sept 1974.

8) *ibid*, 30 Nov 1973

9) *ibid*, 13 April 1976

10) *Rochester Times-Union* 29 Jan 1980.

11) [In recent 'confessions' by Berkowitz - eg see *NY Post* 19 Mar 1981 - from his cell in Attica Jail, he has claimed he was an innocent minor member of a "devil cult", and framed for the murders committed by other cult members. This motion was put forward by Michael Hoffman in his original article in *FT30* (Autumn 1979) - Ed.]

12) KNXT-TV, Los Angeles, news broadcast, 28 Jan 1980.

13) Linedecker, *The Man Who Killed Boys*. And in *The Spotlight* 31 Dec 1979.

14) *Times-Union* 5 April 1973.

15) *ibid*, 22 Oct 1979.

16) Readers are urged to consult the 'Mitre Square' section of Stephen Knight's *Jack the Ripper* (Harrap, 1979; pp175-177), for further information on the role of geomancy in ritual murder.

17) Jim Brandon, *Weird America*. 'Son of Sam' occultists also met in an area hallowed by former black orders - Untermeyer Park, built by a wealthy practicing Satanist. This seems to be a confirmation of the satanist theory I sought to discredit as an exclusive 'solution' in *FT32*. Actually though, it is important to bring some sophistication to this matter of mind control, which is what 'magic' really is after all. Mind control is power and power is what governments and intelligence agencies thrive on. The idea of satanists in government as opposed to satanists being hunted down by government is fairly obvious to me.

18) *Times-Union* 16 Nov 1979.

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